

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Abstract

A copy of the Abstract is submitted herewith on a separate sheet. Applicants respectfully request the entry of the Abstract.

Specification

In the specification, paragraphs have been amended on pages 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11 to correct grammatical and typographic errors.

Claims

No claims are requested to be canceled.

Claims 1-4 and 6-15 are currently being amended.

No claims are being added.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-15 are now pending in this application.

1. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second paragraph.

The Office rejected claims 1-15 for being indefinite in using phrase “the resulting organic layer washed aqueous layer.” (paragraph III of the Office Action) Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite “the resulting aqueous layer.” This amendment overcomes the rejections because the claims as amended can be clearly understood by one skilled in the art. Accordingly, they respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

2. Claim objections

The Office objected to claims 1-4, 7-11, 14, and 15 for informalities. Applicants have amended these claims to correct these informalities. Accordingly, they respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections.

The Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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